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Mr. Jeff Morales, Director
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Attention: Federal Resources Office, Room 3500
For Kris Balaji, Federal Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: AMBAG FTIP/FSTIP Amendment No. 2

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 2 to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated March 25, 2003. The AMBAG Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2003-1 on February 12, 2003, approving these program modifications and reaffirming the conformity of the transportation improvement program with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. As detailed in the enclosures to your letter, this amendment both adds and modifies project listings in the local highway, state highway, and transit elements of the AMBAG FTIP.

We accept these program modifications in accordance with the Federal statewide and metropolitan transportation planning regulations (23 CFR Part 450) and find that AMBAG FTIP Amendment No. 2 was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 USC 134 and the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). We have determined that the modifications to AMBAG's FTIP that are proposed for inclusion in California's Federal statewide transportation improvement program (FSTIP) by this amendment are exempt from the regional emissions analysis and conformity determination requirements of the Transportation Conformity Rule which was promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on August 15, 1997. This finding has been coordinated with the Regional office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This letter constitutes joint Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration approval for inclusion of AMBAG FTIP Amendment No. 1 into California's 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP. Pursuant to the provisions of 23 CFR 450.216(a)(2), projects and/or project phases in the AMBAG FTIP that are not within the triennial element of the current FSTIP are accepted by the FHWA and the FTA for information purposes only. This approval is provided with the understanding that Federal Transit Administration funding approval on individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

Sincerely,

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Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator
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